

The Watchman and Southron.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 1896.

The *Sumter Watchman* was founded in 1850 and the *True Southron* in 1866. The *Watchman and Southron* now has the combined circulation and influence of both of the old papers, and is manifestly the best advertising medium in Sumter.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Of the thirty-five counties of this state twenty seven are engaged in cotton manufacturing. Spartanburg heads the list with an investment of \$5,446,000 in the cotton mill business. Chesterfield is last on the list, with an investment of but \$10,000. It is however, the position Sumter County occupies that interests us most. Of the twenty-seven cotton milling counties of South Carolina Sumter county has the least money invested of any, save two—Marion, \$25,000, Chesterfield \$10,000. Sumter is naturally one of the very richest counties in the state and the backward and unsatisfactory position she has taken among the counties of the State is due entirely to the people themselves and not to the county in which they live. The comparison between Spartanburg \$5,446,000 and Sumter \$53,000 does not afford any citizen of Sumter any satisfaction, and no one will point to Sumter achievements in cotton milling with pride. It will be urged that much of the money invested in Spartanburg mills came from elsewhere; so much the greater credit to Spartanburg and the men who have built up the cotton milling industry to such an extent that outside capital seeks investments there. This is what every county should endeavor to do and exactly what every county can do, if the start be but made in the right direction. First, however, we must demonstrate to outside capitalists that we can help ourselves, manage business successfully and demonstrate that money invested here will yield returns to those who invest. This has been done in Spartanburg and on that account money naturally gravitates to Spartanburg. It is not a matter of luck or good fortune or the favor of the gods but good business methods and push that has made Spartanburg, and the same qualities will make any other place prosperous and cause it to grow in population, business and wealth. Sumter is, at last beginning to make a beginning we believe. Let us hope that this beginning will lead on to greater things and that our people will become imbued with energy, enterprise and unity of purpose for the benefit of the whole place.

STOKES UNSEATED

The Seventh District Without Representation.

WASHINGTON, June 1.—The house today disposed of the contested election case of Johnston (Rep.) vs. Stokes (Dem.) from the Seventh district of South Carolina by adopting the view of Chairman McCall (Rep.) of Massachusetts, chairman of elections committee No. 3, which considered the case. By a vote of 130 to 125 it was decided that no legal election was held in the district, and the seat was declared vacant. The Republicans divided upon this proposition, and it was supported by the unanimous Democratic vote. The majority of the committee reported in favor of Stokes and the minority in favor of Johnston.

REBEL OUTRAGES IN CUBA.

HAVANA, June 1.—The entire town of Jamaica, near Havana, has been burned by a rebel band, under command of Castillo. A party of rebels yesterday placed dynamite bombs upon a railway track near Sabanilla, in Matanzas province, which were exploded by a repair train containing a number of workmen. The train was completely wrecked. The engineer was killed, and several workmen injured. A band of rebels made an attack upon the town of Santiago las Vegas, in the province of Havana today, but were repulsed. The rebel bands under Ansaldo and Rideriguez entered the town of Puerta de la Guira, south of the trocha, yesterday, and set fire to the place, burning every building in the town.

A summary of yesterday's engagements shows that the rebels lost fifteen wounded. The troops had three killed and six wounded.

The rebels have destroyed with dynamite a culvert near Bolondron, province of Matanzas. The train sent to repair the damage was attacked by the rebels.

It is reported that rebel bands attacked the town of San Antonio de los Banos, but were repulsed.

Weekly Crop Bulletin.

COLUMBIA, S. C., June 2, 1896.

This bulletin covers the weather and crop conditions for the week ending Saturday, May 30, and in its preparation were used reports from one or more correspondents in each county of the State.

WEATHER

The mean temperature during the past week was the same as for the two previous ones, but there was less of an excess over the normal, as the latter increases at the rate of from one to two degrees per week during May and June. Since March first the seasonal excess averages about 2.5 degrees per day. The average of 39 places reporting mean temperature the past week is 79, and the normal for the same period is approximately 74, having increased from 72 since the previous week.

The mean temperature ranged from 82 at Poverty Hill, Allendale and Gillisonville to 74 at Greenville. The maximum temperature for the week was 100 on the 26th, reported from Gillisonville. The minimum was 59 on the 30th at Greenville, and 60 on the 30th at Santee and Liberty and 60 on the 29th at Society Hill.

Showers occurred in some portion of the State on every day of week, but as a rule they were light and local, except at a few points where the rainfall was excessive.

On account of the uneven distribution of the rainfall a number of places are represented as needing rain, or more rain, badly. In the southeastern counties where the drought was most severe, light showers gave some relief, and a heavy shower in portions of Beaufort was most beneficial. The following heavy rains were reported: Columbia 1.96; Beaufort 1.70; Longshore 1.70; Loper's 1.15; McColl 1.50; Batesburg 1.38; Cheraw 2.80. In addition to these there were 11 places that reported amounts between 0.50 and one inch, while 23 places reported some rain, but less than half an inch. The average of 42 reports being 0.59 and the normal for the same period is approximately 0.99 inch.

There was considerable hail reported, but generally without injury to crops, except that a severe tornado storm passed through Newberry County, accompanied by excessive rain. Crops in that path of the storm were severely damaged by hail, wind and rain, some fields of cotton being entirely destroyed. At Longshore, outside the path of the heaviest rainfall, 1.70 inches of rain fell in one hour.

The prevailing winds were westerly for the week, and the sunshine was but little in excess of the usual, ranging from 25 per cent. of the possible at Beaufort to 92 at Greenville, and averaging about 66.

CROPS

Correspondents' reports for the week range from glowing to gloomy, but the former exceed the latter in about the proportion of three to one. In other words, over three-fourths of the State rainfall has been sufficient for crops during May, while about one-fourth of the State has been too dry, and complaints of dryness come from nearly every county, making it difficult to specify the localities where rain is needed, but generally it is dryest in the southeastern counties; Aiken and Edgefield; Laurens and Union; and portions of Fairfield, Sumter and Chester. The most glowing crop accounts come from Anderson, Florence, Darlington, eastern Chesterfield and Marlboro. The other counties are spotted.

Corn continues to grow satisfactorily, and laying by is becoming general. Shows effects of bud worms in Barnwell, wilts badly during the dry in Sumter, but its general condition is from fair to excellent. Peas being extensively planted with corn.

The weather has been altogether favorable for cotton, which has generally made marked improvement. Lice have appeared in Barnwell and Orangeburg; cotton is dying on red lands in Laurens, Union and York. In places it shows a tendency to grow too much to weed. It is putting on squares everywhere. Chopping to stands will soon be finished. Replanted cotton germinating and growing finely. Sea-Island continues in bad condition for the want of rain.

Wheat harvest general; heads small but heavy. Fall oats being cut and housed. Yield poor but quality fair. Sowing oats generally a failure.

Tobacco growing well generally with exceptions. Contemplated area restricted, owing to scarcity of plants. Abandoned tobacco lands being planted to corn and cotton.

Rice doing well generally, except upland, which in places has a poor stand. Cane and melons are reported as doing well. Gardens very poor, for the most part complete failures.

Irish potatoes very poor. Sweet potatoes doing well. Still being transplanted and in Edgefield are being watered. Draws plentiful. Cut worms damaging cabbages in Florence.

Peaches continue to drop, and the peach crop will be a light one of inferior quality. Peaches ripening and being shipped to Northern markets. Apples dropping and rotting on trees. Pear blight reported from Pickens. The prospect for fruit is generally poor. Blackberries and huckleberries generally plentiful.

The season, and crops in general, about two weeks earlier than usual.

J. W. BAUER,
Section Director.

A COMPLIMENT TO FITZ-HUGH LEE.

OCALA, FLA., June 1.—Col. John M. Martin, hearing that Gen. Fitzhugh Lee would pass through Ocala on his way to Havana to-day, to assume the duties of his office as consul, got the people to meet him at the depot at 2:40 P. M. Fully five hundred people assembled. The band played on the arrival of the train. Col. Martin and others entered the car and brought Gen. Lee to the platform, where he was introduced by Col. Martin R. A. Buford extended to Gen. Lee a welcome to Florida soil, to which Gen. Lee made a happy response. He hoped the dust of travel would be out of his eyes by the time he got to Cuba and no more would be thrown into them. It was a great and pleasant surprise to Gen. Lee and a delight to the people to meet the distinguished soldier and statesman. After responding Gen. Lee held a regular reception until the train pulled out.

Mr. James Perdue, an old soldier residing at Monroe, Mich., was severely afflicted with rheumatism but received prompt relief from pain by using Chamberlain's Pain Balm. He says: "At times my back would ache so badly that I could hardly raise up. If I had not gotten relief I would not be here to write these few lines. Chamberlain's Pain Balm has done me a great deal of good and I feel very thankful for it." For sale by Dr. A. J. China.

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Write and ask us questions about those articles or anything else in our line—lumber, shingles, ornamental woodwork for stairs and porches and all kinds of exterior and interior finish.
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Also Cabbage Plants and other Varieties of Vegetable Plants.

100 Cabbage Plants	\$.25
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He offers his services to lay out gardens and tend them in good shape. Reasonable terms. Mch 1.

WINTHROP COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS.

EACH COUNTY of this State is entitled to as many scholarships in the Winthrop College at Rock Hill as it has representatives in the House of Representatives.

These scholarships will be awarded upon a competitive examination to be held at the County Court House on July 30th at 9 a. m. Applicants must be not less than fifteen years of age and must have a good knowledge of the common school branches.

The expenses of attendance do not exceed \$8.50 a month for board, furnished room, heat, light and washing.

For further information and a catalogue, address

PRESIDENT, D. B. JOHNSON,
June 3—4. Rock Hill, S. C.

NOTICE.

To my Customers and the Public.

I AM FORCED TO SELL ALL MY MEATS for the cash from this date on—and Strictly Cash—over the counter. Thanking you for past favors, I ask continued patronage under the above rule.

EUGENE HOGAN.
May 30, 1896.

SALE OF
SUMTER
County Bonds.

Office of Supervisor Sumter Co.
SUMTER, S. C., June 3, 1896.

THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of Sumter County hereby give notice that pursuant to the provisions of an Act of the General Assembly of South Carolina, entitled an Act to authorize the issue of \$15,000.00 of Bonds of Sumter County to raise funds for past indebtedness, and for Repairs and Furnishing the Court House, approved December 21st, 1894, and also under Act of said Assembly, approved March 7th, 1896, p. 288; they will receive Bids for the whole or any part of said issue from \$100.00 up, at their office at Sumter, S. C., up to July 6th, 1896, at 12 o'clock m. Said bonds to mature in ten years, and to bear interest at the rate of six per centum per annum, payable annually, to be exempt from any and all County, State and Municipal taxation; secured by an Annual Levy of taxes to pay said interest, and the accumulation of a Sinking Fund for the ultimate redemption of the same. The Bonds to be sold at not less than par. The right to reject any and all bids is expressly reserved.

By order of the Board.
[Seal] W. S. DINKINS,
Attest: Supervisor.
THOS. V. WALSH,
Secy.
June 3, 1896.

If a small bottle of Shaker digestive Cordial does you no good, don't buy a large one.

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CANDIDATES CARDS.

FOR CLERK OF COURT.

The undersigned respectfully announces himself a candidate for Clerk of Court and would appreciate the support of his fellow-Democrats for that position.

THOS. E. RICHARDSON.

SHEPARD NASH.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Clerk of the Court, subject to the Democratic primary.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for County Supervisor, and will abide by the decision of the Democratic primary.

W. S. DINKINS.

Mr. Editor: Please announce my candidacy for the office of County Supervisor.

JUNUS A. RHAME.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Supervisor for Sumter County.

E. B. MULBROW.

The friends of JOHN J. SHAW, of Mt. Clio, announce him as a candidate for County Supervisor, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

VOTERS.

FOR SHERIFF.

Knowing Mr. Geo. P. McKagen to be thoroughly competent in every respect and highly appreciated for his moral worth, we feel that the affairs of the Sheriff's office would be without fear or favor administered by him, and acceptable to the whole people, and he is hereby announced as a candidate subject to the rules of the Democratic primary.

MANY VOTERS.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Sumter County.

B. G. PIERSON.

May 8, 1896.

Please announce Capt. E. Scott Carson as a candidate for Sheriff at the ensuing election. Having served faithfully in that capacity, we believe if elected he will fill the office with ability and fairness and will give general satisfaction.

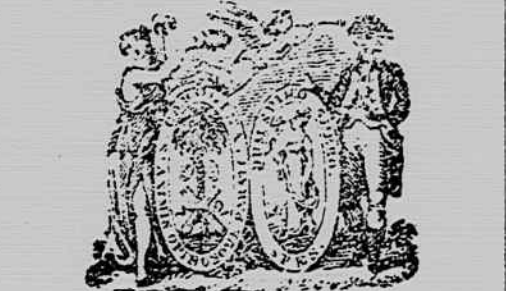
DEMOCRATS.

FOR COUNTY TREASURER.

H. L. Scarborough begs to announce himself for re-election as County Treasurer, subject to the Democratic primary.

May 20.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENTS.



OFFICE OF SUPERVISOR OF REGISTRATION OF SUMTER COUNTY.

SUMTER, S. C., April 27, 1896.

THE BOARD OF REGISTRATION will open their books in

BETHEL CHURCH, Privateer Township,

Tuesday, June 9th

BLOOM HILL, Manchester Township,

Wednesday, June 10th.

WEDGEFIELD, Thursday June 11th.

STATEBURG, Friday, 12th.

For the purpose of registering all qualified electors

ALSO

PROVIDENCE, (Scarborough's Store,) June 15th.

SMITHVILLE, June 16th.

REMBERTS, June 17th.

HAGOOD, June 18th

J. D. WILDER, Chairman.

J. M. KNIGHT,

W. S. JAMES, Clerk.

April 28.

Claremont Lodge No. 64 A. F. M.

THE REGULAR MONTHLY COMMUNICATION of Claremont Lodge, No. 64, A. F. M., will be held on Thursday Evening, June 25th, at 7 1/2 p. m. Brethren will take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

By order, F. M. SPANN, W. M.

H. C. MOSES, Secretary.

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Nov. 6—o



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" " " " " 10c, " " " at 20 cents.
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Many new and exclusive styles. An immense line of Ladies' Neckwear.

Do not Miss Visiting our Shoe Department.

We are offering some big drives in Ladies' Shoes and Oxfords. The finest and largest line in the city.

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WHY? Because with all the advantages they possess you are absolutely guaranteed the best to be had and the most for your money's worth, besides they carry the most complete assortment of Staple and Fancy Groceries in Sumter.

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